

238. From Karjat he proceeded on the 11th *viâ* Kámpóli to Shiróli, Pen (where he met the Divisional Officer) and Nágotna. On the 26th, he moved to Indápúr, and to Dásgráon on the 28th.

239. On the evening of the 1st December, he left for Mahád and proceeded thence to Poládpúr, Káshédi and Khed in Ratnágiri, where he met the Divisional Officer on the 4th. Camp was moved to Chiplún on the 7th, Aravli on the 12th, and to Sangameshvar on the 14th, and thence to Ratnágiri, *viâ* Wauri, on the 17th. From Ratnágiri Mr. Wroughton returned to Belgaum on January 3. On the 9th he left for Hubli, where he met the Divisional Officer.

240. On the 16th January he moved on to Tadas, and on the 17th to Mundgod in Kánara. Thence to Pálá, Ekambi and Sirsi.

241. On the 30th he left Sirsi, for Siddápúr and Kodkani, returning to Sirsi on the 8th. The Divisional Officer met him there. From Sirsi he moved camp to Sonda on the 13th, and proceeded, *viâ* Bartanhalli and Manchikeri, to Yellápúr.

242. On the 6th March, he moved on the Tátwhál, where he met the Working-Plans' Officers. Next day, he continued the march to Supa, *viâ* Kulgi and Poteli, where he was joined by the Divisional Officer. On the 24th he left for Jagalbet, Chándwádi, Tinái and Castle-rock, and on the 5th April returned to Belgaum.

243. On the 28th Mr. Wroughton handed over charge of his office to me, and left on furlough.

244. During May, I made a short trip to Nágargáli, returning to head-quarters on June 5.

ESTABLISHMENT.

245. The sanctioned reorganization of the superior staff was brought into force on 1st April, 1892, but the proposed reorganization of the subordinate staff was not carried out. The actual cost amounted to Rs. 1,22,519 and Rs. 1,75,759 on account of the superior and subordinate staff, respectively, against Rs. 1,05,402 and Rs. 1,51,000 of 1891-92.

246. Under the reorganization-scheme, two additional Extra-Assistant-Conservators were appointed to the Southern Circle. One of these was attached to the Conservator's Office, and the other to the Kolába-Division as Sub-Divisional Officer.

247. The Kolába and Ratnágiri-Districts were again separated, and each was put under a Divisional Officer. Mr. B. G. Deshpánde, Extra-Assistant-Conservator, was appointed to Ratnágiri, while Mr. T. R. D. Bell retained charge of Kolába.

248. The changes among the officers were :—

249. Mr. C. Greathed, Divisional Officer, Kolába, handed over charge of his office to Mr. N. K. Thánédár on 1st April, 1892, and proceeded on furlough. On the 9th, Mr. Thánédár handed over charge to Mr. Bell, who handed over again to Mr. Thánédár on 29th May, 1892, and went on 3 months' privilege-leave. Mr. R. Ryan assumed charge on 2nd June from Mr. Thánédár, who, on the former's going on privilege leave, resumed it on the 15th and held it until Mr. Stewart's return from furlough on July 7. Mr. Ryan, on his transfer to Kolába, handed over charge of Bijápúr to Mr. Hight, Divisional Forest Officer, Dhárwár, on the 30th May, 1892.

250. Mr. J. L. L. MacGregor, Conservator of Forests, proceeded on a year's furlough, giving over charge to Mr. R. C. Wroughton on the 22nd April, 1892.

251. Mr. B. J. Haselden, Divisional Officer, Central Division of Kánara, was on furlough from 8th September, 1892, to 12th June, 1893, during which period Mr. T. R. Bell held charge of the Division.

252. Mr. Hight, who was on privilege-leave until 27th April, resumed charge of the Dhárwár-Division from Mr. Ryan, and gave it over to Mr. W. R. Woodrow on 14th September, 1892, before proceeding on a year's furlough.

253. Mr. Ryan, on his return from privilege-leave, took charge of the Bijápúr-Division on the 28th July from Mr. Hight, and continued in charge until 2nd March, 1893, when he was suspended, and ultimately dismissed. In his place Mr. Bell was appointed.

254. Mr. Dattatraya Manjunáth Bijoor, who was appointed sub. *pro-tem*. Extra-Assistant-Conservator, reported himself for duty on 1st June, 1892, and was appointed Personal Assistant to the Conservator of Forests, S. C.

255. Mr. G. K. Betham returned from leave on 27th October, 1892, and took charge of the Southern Division of Kánara from Mr. Woodrow.

256. Mr. A. C. Robinson, Extra-Assistant-Conservator, transferred from the Northern to the Southern Circle, reported himself for duty as Sub-Divisional Officer, Kolába, on the 20th January, 1893.

257. In the Working-Plans' Branch, the following officers held charge of Divisions :—

Party I.

Mr. T. R. Bell, 1st—5th April, 1892,
 „ Haripad Mitra, 6th—11th April, 1892,
 „ C. Hodgson, 12th April—11th November, 1892,
 „ H. Murray, 12th November—12th December, 1892,

when Mr. H. Mainwaring, who had been newly posted to this Circle, took charge.

258. Mr. Hodgson held charge of the IInd Party during the whole of the year.

259. The conduct of the executive establishment is reported to have been, on the whole, satisfactory.

260. Two cases of misconduct, involving the dismissal of foresters, occurred.

261. The conduct of the subordinate establishment was not so good, and 41 guards had to be dismissed.

262. The services of the following officers are mentioned by the Divisional Officers as specially deserving of notice:—

Mr. Sheshu Manju, Extra-Assistant-Conservator.
 „ A. C. Robinson do. do.
 „ Jamaitkhán Samsherkhán, Range Forest Officer, Nágotna.
 „ Ganpat Jaywant Rege, Forest Ranger, Khánápur.
 „ Hassan valad Mohidin, Range Forest Officer, Chikodi.
 „ Wáman Bákrishna do. do. Parasgad.
 „ Ganpat Rámji Máne, Forest Ranger, Sirsi.
 „ Subráo Shivrám, Forester, Sirsi.
 „ Shankar Bápu Sáwant, Range Forest Officer, Devgad.
 „ Hari Vishnu Kháre, do. do. Sangameshvar.

263. I resumed charge of the Southern Circle this year on return from furlough, on 28th April, 1893. Mr. Wroughton, my *locum tenens*, told me, before leaving, that he considered that all the officers serving under him (with the exception of Mr. Ryan, whose services have since been dispensed with by Government) had worked well.

J. L. L. MACGREGOR,
 Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle.

Belgaum, 6th October 1893.